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In re Application of:

Giacomo ROBA et al.

Application No.: 09/986,622

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: METHOD AND INDUCTION
FURNACE FOR DRAWING
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS
TO OPTICAL FIBRES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks.

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